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In re Application of	:
Beck, et al.	:
Application No. 10/797,581	: LETTER REGARDING
Filed: March 10, 2004	: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Docket No. 3591-1377	:

This is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed October 30, 2009. Pursuant to applicants' duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy.

The request for review of the patent term adjustment is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **34 days**. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On July 30, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment is 62 days. On October 30, 2009, applicants submitted the instant comment. Applicants disclose that they believe that the patent term adjustment indicated in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment is incorrect and should be recalculated. Applicants do not state a basis for their disclosure that the Patent Term Adjustment on the Notice of Allowance disagrees with their calculation.

Nonetheless, a review of the record reveals that the initial determination of patent term adjustment of 62 days is incorrect.

A review of the PTA calculations for the application reveals that after applicants filed a reply on May 7, 2009 to a non-final Office action, that applicants submitted a supplemental reply or paper in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on June 4, 2009. The record does not support a conclusion that the examiner expressly requested the filing of the IDS. Further, a review of the IDS, filed June 4, 2009, reveals that applicants did not include a statement under 37 CFR 1.704(d).¹ Thus, applicants failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application. The period of adjustment should have been reduced by 28 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8), counting the number of days beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed, May 8, 2009, and ending on the date that the IDS was filed, June 4, 2009.

Accordingly, a period of reduction of 28 days will be entered.

In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of mailing of the notice of allowance is **34 days** (155 days of Office delay - 121 days of applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted to advise the Office of an error in applicants' favor, no fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e) is required. The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

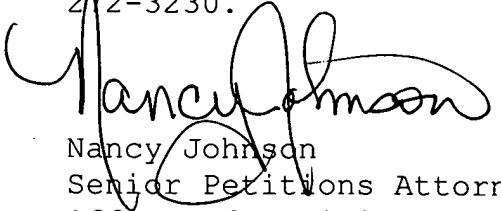
Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

¹ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.704(d):

A paper containing only an information disclosure statement in compliance with §§ 1.97 and 1.98 will not be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution (processing or examination) of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of this section if it is accompanied by a statement that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. This thirty-day period is not extendable.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Shirene Willis Brantley, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3230.


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Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/797581

Application Filing Date:	03/10/2004	PTO Delay (PTO):	155
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	93
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	34
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EXPLANATION OF PTA CALCULATION